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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Interim Committee On Transportation  
Funding

Measure, Appointment or  
Topic: LC 2

I strongly support passage of LC2. As an ODOT employee I'm writing to urge you to do everything you can to ensure passage of a transportation funding package. The news of the failed funding bill and impending layoffs has been landing incredibly hard on my family and on all my ODOT peers. I've been a hard-working ODOT project manager for about 18 years. In that time, I've been involved in delivering tens of millions of dollars worth of improvements to the state highway system in the Portland area. Projects for safer pedestrian and bike access, ADA ramps, safer traffic signals, paving and maintenance, emergency landslide repairs, and the like. I know the committee members understand that safe transportation is an essential lifeblood of our community that supports our lives and livelihoods and literally everything else we do. I implore you to use all your power to help solve this unfolding catastrophe. Please help create the political urgency needed to make a solution attainable now before things go from bad to worse and before the loss of ODOT staff. Losing staff means more than just dire life changes for those personally affected. It also means further hobbling an essential agency in ways that will take many years to come back from.